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SUBJ: PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE VISIT TO U.S. - BIOGRAPHIC MATERIAL

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BRIEF, FACTUAL BIOGRAPHIC BACKGROUND MATERIAL ON THE NORWEGIAN
PARTICIPANTS IN THE TOUR FOLLOWS:

1. NAME: ARVID HELMER JOHANSON (CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE)

BORN: HALDEN,NORWAY, 1929

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POLITICAL AFFILIATION: LABOR PARTY

EDUCATION:

JOURNALIST ACADEMY, STUDIED ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE AT
FIRCROFT COLLEGE, BIERMINGHAM 1954/55.

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS: JOURNALIST,HALDEN ARBEIDERBLAD 1948,
ASSISTANT EDITOR FROM 1961.

DELEGATE TO THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL 1958-61 AND FROM 1970. DELEGATE TO
UN 1967. CHAIRMAN LOCAL LABOR ORGANIZATIONS. VICE CHAIRMAN STORTING
FINANCE COMMITTEE 1971-73. STORTING MEMBER 1958/61 AND FROM 1965/66.

CHAIRMAN, STORTING INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

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2. NAME: ODD VATTEKAR (DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE)

BORN: VADHEIM, NORWAY 1918

MARRIED

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: CONSERVATIVE PARTY

EDUCATION: BUSINESS COLLEGE, STUDIES IN DENMARK, SWITZERLAND, ENGLAND, WEST GERMANY AND SWEDEN.

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS: EMPLOYED AAT A/S NORDISK ALUMINIUMSINDUSTRY SINCE 1942. DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY MANAGING DIRECTOR SINCE 1966. MEMBER OF HOLMESTRAND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL 1956-62 AND 1968-71. MEMBER OF VESTFOLD COUNTRY COUNCIL 1968-71. MEMBER OF A NUMBER OF PUBLIC COMMITTEES, ORGANIZATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS. CHAIRMAN NTNFS (NORWEGIAN TECHNICAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ASSOCIATION) COMMITTEE FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION SINCE 1973. CHAIRMAN CONSERVATIVE PARTY TAX COMMITTEE SINCE 1973. STORTING MEMBER SINCE 1969/70.

3. NAME: ROLF HELLEM (PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY OF COMMITTEE AND VISIT ORGANIZER)

BORN: SOR FROYA (SOT TRANDELAG C.) NORWAY, 1923

MARRIED

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: LABOR PARTY

EDUCATION: NORWEGIAN STATE RAILWAYS SCHOOL.

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS: RAILWAYS TELEGRAPHIST, ASSISTANT AND CLERK. MEMBER OF ANKENES (NORDLAND) MUNICIPAL COUNCIL 1952-55. FOUNDER OF THE FIRST CHAIRMAN OF NARVIK AOF (LABOR PARTY EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION) 1954-59. DELEGATE TO UN FALL OF 1969 STORTING REPR. SINCE 1965/66.

4. NAME: JOHN AUSTERHEIM

BORN: GLOPPEN, SOGN & FJORDANE COUNTY, NORWAY, 1912

MARRIED

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: CENTER PARTY

EDUCATION: NORDFJORD UNGDOMSSKOLE 1932-33

PRESENT POSITIONS: FARMER, GLOPPEN; VICE CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS NORWEGIAN HOUSING BANK; CHAIRMAN GARTNERHALLEN, BERGEN DIVISION. MEMBER OF STORTING SINCE 1961/62. PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD: VARIOUS LOCAL (MUNICIPAL) POSITIONS OF TRUST INCLUDING MAYOR OF GLOPPEN 1956-62. MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS 1972-73. MEMBER OF NORDIC COUNCIL 1969-72. CHAIRMAN CENTER PARTY 1967-72.

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5. NAME: ARVE BERG

BORN: ORSKOG, MORE, 1935

MARRIED

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: LABOR PARTY

EDUCATION: FOLKEHOYSKOLE (PEOPLES COLLEGE), TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND A NUMBER OF COURSES IN THE LABOR UNION MOVEMENT.

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD: BLUE COLLAR WORKER AT MINOR

SHIPYARD IN ALESUND, SHOP STEWARD SINCE 1965, MEMBER OF ALESUND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SINCE 1964. A MEMBER OF OTHER POSITIONS OF TRUST IN THE LOCAL LABOR MOVEMENT. MEMBER OF STORTING SINCE 1973/74.

6. NAME: HALLVARD EIKA
BORN: TORQUAY, CANADA 1920
MARRIED
POLITICAL AFFILIATION: LIBERAL PARTY
EDUCATION: AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL, COLLEGE, NORWEGIAN AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY.
PRESENT POSITIONS: FARMER, BO IN TELEMARKE COUNTRY. MEMBER LIBERAL PARTY NATIONAL BOARD SINCE 1968. STORTING MEMBER SINCE 1969/70.
PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD: MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF A GREAT NUMBER OF ASSOCIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONNECTED WITH AGRICULTURE. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE 1970/71. MINISTER OF COMMERCE 1972/73.
PERSONALITY: VERY EXTROVERT.

7. NAME: AXEL FOSSEN
BORN: JORPELAND, ROGALAND, NORWAY 1919
MARRIED
EDUCATION: LO SHCOOL 1951, 3 MONTHS COURSE AT HARVARD U., CAMBRIDGE IN 1952 WITH LO SCHOLARSHIP. STAYED FOR ONE YEAR IN CHICAGO AS PARTICIPANT IN AN EXCHANGE PROGRAM FOR SKILLED WORKERS 1952-53.
PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD: CONSTRUCTION WORKER 1935-40. SEAMAN/GUNNER NORW. MERCHANT MARINE 1940-45. METAL WORKER FROM 1947. MEMBER OF A NUMBER OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING ODDA TOWN COUNCIL, ODDA CHEMICAL WORKERS UNION. STORTING MEMBER SINCE 1969/70.

8. NAME: ROLF FURUSETH
BORN: VESTRE TOTEN, NORWAY, 1915
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POLITICAL AFFILIATION: LABOR PARTY
EDUCATION: CORRESPONDENCE COURSES IN MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, BUSINESS ORGANIZATION, ETC. AUTOMECHANIC EDUCATION.
PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD: FACTORY WORKER, LATER MACHINERY CONTROLLER AT A/S RAUFOSS AMMUNISJOINSFABRIKKER FROM 1939. MEMBER OF A NUMBER OF MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES AND BOARDS IN VESTRE TOTEN.
MEMBER OF SEVERAL LABOR PARTY AND LO COMMITTEES ON INDKDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY, WAGE SYSTEMS, ETC. CHAIRMAN VESTRE TOTEN LABOR PARTY.

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9. NAME: SVERRE HELLAND

BORN: HAMRE, NORWAY, 1924

MARRIED

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: CENTER PARTY

EDUCATION: FARMER UNIONS HIGH SCHOOL (ECONOMICS), BERGEN TECHNICAL
SCHOOL (ELECTRO). THREE MONTHS MARSHALL SCHOLARSHIP TO THE US 1951
TO STUDY US AGRICULTURE AND ORGANIZATIONS.

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS: FARMER AND ELECTRICIAN, LINDAS,
HORDALAND COUNTRY. CENTER PARTY COUNTY SECRETARY 1953-58. MEMBER
OF MUNICIPAL COUNTIES OF HARNE AND LINDAS MUNICIPALITY 1968/69.

MEMBER OF A NUMBER OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL COMPANIES,
COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING BANK OF NORWAY.

STORTING MEMBER SINCE 1969/70.

10. NAME: FINN KRISTENSEN

BORN: BREVIK, NORWAY, 1936

MARRIED

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: LABOR PARTY

EDUCATION: VOCATIONAL SCHOOL, OSLO TECHNICAL SCHOOL (HIGH TENSION
CURRENT). VARIOUS LABOR MOVEMENT COURSES.

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD ELECTRICIAN DALEN PORTLAND
CEMENTFABRIKK. MERCHANT MARINE ELECTRICIAN. INSTRUCTOR OAF (LABOR PAR

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EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION) 1963-66. COUNTRY SECRETARY TELEMAR LABOR PARTY SINCE 1966. MEMBER OF A SERIES OF MUNICIPAL COMMITTEES AND ORGANIZATIONS IN EIDANGER AND PORSGRUNN. STORTING MEMBER SINCE 1969/70.

11. NAME: REIDAR T. LARSEN

BORN: LILLEHAMMER, NORWAY, 1923

MARRIED

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: LONG TIME LEADER OF NORWEGIAN COMMUNIST PARTY WHO LEFT PARTY THIS SPRING OVER AN INTERNAL TACTICAL DISPUTE. HE IS THE PARLIAMENTARY LEADER OF THE LEFTIST SOCIAL LEFT PARTY.

EDUCATION: BUSINESS SCHOOL. LABOR PARTY SCHOOL (SORMARKA). VARIOUS COURSES.

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD: FACTORY BLUE COLLAR WORKER UNTIL 1945. JOURNALIST. EDITOR, NORWEGIAN COMMUNIST YOUTH PARTY PAPER

"UNGE VILJER," AND LATER "AVANTGARDEN" 1946-48. CHAIRMAN, NORWEGIAN COMMUNIST YOUTH PARTY 1949-53. ASSISTANT EDITOR, LATER (1959-65)

EDITOR OF NKP NATIONAL NEWSPAPER "FRIHETEN". CHAIRMAN NKP SINCE 1965.

MEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND WORKING COMMITTEE OF SOCIALIST ELECTION ALLIANCE FROM 1973 - STORTING MEMBER SINCE 1973/74.

12. NAME: LAURITZ B. SIREVAAG

BORN: STAVANGER, NORWAY, 1926

MARRIED

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: CONSERVATIVE PARTY

EDUCATION: BUSINESS COLLEGE

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD: SECTION CHIEF SANDES DAMP-

SKIBS-AKTIESELSKAB. SINCE 1966 DISTRICT MANAGER A/S NORSKE ESSO,

STAVANGER. MEMBER OF STAVANGER TOWN COUNCIL 1963/71, MAYOR 1968"69.

MEMBER OF NUMEROUS LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND COMMITTEES. CHAIRMAN

SANDNES CONSERVATIVE PARTY 1960-64. MEMBER OF STORTING SINCE 1969/70.

13. NAME: ODD VIGESTAD

BORN: BORGSUND, MORE, NORWAY, 1915.

MARRIED

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: CHRISTIAN PEOPLES PARTY

EDUCATION: BUSINESS COLLEGE. NORWEGIAN BUSINESS HIGHSCHOOL, BERGEN.

SCHOLARSHIP STUDIES IN SWEDEN AND WEST GERMANY.

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD: TEACHER (COMMERCE) ALESUND

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1941-51. SENIOR MASTER, LATER HEADMASTER AT ALESUND BUSINESS

COLLEGE. MEMBER ALESUND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL SINCE 1952.

CHAIRMAN ALESUND SCHOOL BOARD. MEMBER OF MORE OG ROMSDAL

COUNTRY SCHOOL BOARD SINCE 1964. MEMBER OF THE NORTH ATLANTIC

ASSEMBLY FROM 1969, DELEGATE TO UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1973. MEMBER

OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND BOARDS, PARTICULARLY RELATED TO EDUCATION

AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. STORTING MEMBER SINCE 1969/70.

14. NAME: TORALF WESTERMOEN

BORN: LANDVIK, WEST AGDER COUNTRY, NORWAY, 1914

MARRIED

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: CHRISTIAN PEOPLES PARTY.

EDUCATION: BUSINESS SCHOOL. VARIOUS COURSES, AND STUDY AND BUSINESS TRAVELS TO MOST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD: MANAGING DIRECTOR "WESTERMOEN HYDROFOIL," MANDAL, WEST AGDER. MEMBER OF MANDAL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, 1952-59. MEMBER OF NUMEROUS LOCAL AND NATIONAL COMMITTEES, BOARDS, ECT. STORTING MEMBER SINCE 1969/70.

15. NAME: ARNE BORGE, SECRETARY FOR STORTING INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

BORN: OSLO, 1925

MARRIED

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: UNKNOWN

EDUCATION: ECONOMIST FROM UNIVERSITY OF OSLO 1955.

POSITIONS HELD: WORKED HIS WAY UP FROM THE BOTTOM OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY. ON LEAVE FROM PRESENT POSITION AS CONSULTANT.

16. NAME: KARL-EDWIN MANSHAUS (MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY)

BORN: BERGEN, NORWAY, 1940

MARRIED, 2 SONS

POLITICAL AFFILIATION: CONSERVATIVE

EDUCATION: GRADUATE IN LAW, UNIVERSITY OF OSLO, 1967.

PRESENT AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: DEPUTY JUDGE 1967-69. LEGAL ADVISOR IN PETROLEUM DIVISION OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY 1969-71.

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CHIEF OF LEGAL/ECONOMIC SECTION, PETROLEUM DIVISION, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, OFFICE DIRECTOR, NEGOTIATIONS OFFICE PETROLEUM DIVISION, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY 1972-73, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, PETROLEUM OFFICE, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY.

17. NAME: OLAV K. CHRISTIANSEN (STATOIL)

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BORN: OSLO, NORWAY, 1939

MARRIED, 2 CHILDREN

POLITICAL AFFILIATION - INDEPENDENT

EDUCATION - B.S. IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO, 1961.

PRESENT POSITION AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE - STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA 1963-66, CHIEF ENGINEER, PEETROLEUM DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY 1966-73, TECHNICAL MANAGER, STATOIL, 1973-76, MANAGER OFF-SHORE DEPARTMENT (RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OFF-SHORE DEVELOPMENT, INCL. STATFJORD FIELD) 1976-PRESENT.

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